

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-14, 15/(11-14), 16, and 18-27 are allowed. Claims 2, 15/(1-10) and 17 are objected to. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

Applicants are submitting herewith eight (8) sheets of replacement drawings which are intended to replace the informal drawing sheets filed on March 7, 2002.

~~Claims 15/(1-10) are objected to as being a substantial duplicate of claims 16-25.~~

Applicants have hereby amended claim 15 to depend from only claims 11-14 in order to place claim 15 in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 and 17 are objected to because of informalities. Applicants have hereby amended claims 2 and 17 as suggested by the Examiner.

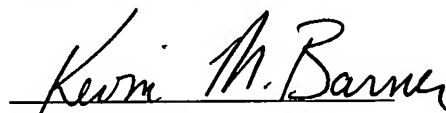
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is believed to be in form for immediate allowance with claims 1-27, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to **contact the undersigned** at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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